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NOTE BY THE DIRECTOR

During the ITU-D Study Groups 1 and 2 meetings (Study Group 1: 30 August - 3 September 1999; Study Group 2: 6-10 September 1999), the following questions were raised and discussed:

- **use of languages in the work of the Study Groups:** a proposal was made during the two meetings, aiming at the use of the six official ITU languages for the Plenary meetings of the Study Groups, while limiting the use to three languages during the Rapporteur's Groups meetings. Some delegations pointed out that the use of languages in the ITU meetings is not a matter for discussion in the Study Groups but should rather be discussed in TDAG.
- **Position of NGOs in the work of the ITU-D Study Groups:** during the Study Group 2 meeting, while discussing the Draft Final Report on Question 10g/2, a long debate was undertaken on the role of NGOs in the development world, in the ITU Development Sector and more in general in ITU. The Study Group observed that the position of NGOs is a matter to submit to TDAG.
The meeting therefore decided to address a note to the BDT Director (see Annex 1).
- **Participation of countries, particularly developing countries, in the work of the ITU-D Study Groups:** the Study Group 1 examined a document containing proposals from the BDT Director on Enhancing the Participation of countries, particularly developing countries, in the work of the ITU-D Study Groups (see Annex 2). The comments of Study Group 1 were endorsed in the Study Group 2 meeting and are attached (see Annex 3).

I wish to submit to TDAG the above-mentioned items for consideration.

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